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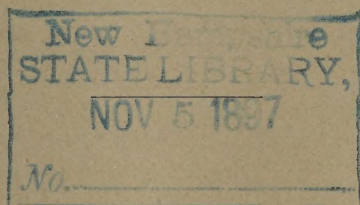
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Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER in account with

The TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON, Dr.

Cash on hand March 1, 1883,	\$222.36
A. and M. C. Burpee, note and interest,	102.94
M. Bray, note,	300.00
County of Belknap,	293.62
Town of Bristol, 1-2 expense of shingles and nails,	63.71
State Treasurer, bounty on crows,	48.90
State railroad tax,	51.91
" Savings bank tax,	791.26
" Literary fund,	94.35
F. G. Blake, collector 1882,	527.03
" " 1883,	5,241.98
	<hr/> \$7,738.06

The TREASURER in account with

The TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON, Cr.

Paupers.

Paid town of Franklin, aid for Olive H. Wells,	\$63.00
County of Belknap, board of Orville Colton,	89.70
" " clothing for "	4.00
A. S. Hawkins, board of S. D. Smith,	78.00
A. B. Meservey, supplies for Ambrose Merrill,	43.13
J. H. Harper, wood " "	6.00
Mary A. Gordon, board of James Aiken,	31.50
Dr. W. H. Rand, medical attendance of Geo.	
Dolloff,	7.75
Dr. W. H. Rand, medical attendance of H. C.	
Shaw,	31.50
Drs. Fowler & Calley, medical attendance Charles	
Hanaford,	14.00

Paid Dr. G. H. Calley, medical attendance of Charles Hanaford,	\$35.50
Cyrus Taylor, supplies for Charles Hanaford,	3.42
Dr. M. C. Spaulding, medical attendance for I. W. Stevens,	18.00
Dr. W. H. Rand, medical attendance of C. H. Stone,	6.00
Dr. G. H. Saltmarsh, medical attendance of C. H. Stone,	30.00
C. D. Thyng, medicine for C. H. Stone,	6.82
J. W. Moore, care of " "	66.00
" " casket for " "	12.00
" " use of teams " "	8.00
" " transient paupers,	3.50
Dr. G. H. Sanborn, medical attendance for Dana Smith,	5.00
J. M. Flanders, jr., cash expenses, funeral of Mrs. O. Webster,	15.00
J. M. Flanders, jr., supplies for Mrs. Eliza Huckins,	25.86
J. M. Flanders, jr., supplies for Thomas Ferguson,	2.00
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	\$605.68

Support of Schools.

Paid C. P. St. Clair,	Dist. No. 1,	\$72.06
Frank B. Smith,	" 3,	72.08
M. H. Merrow,	" 4,	238.41
J. C. Wallace,	" 5,	69.07
Noah S. Ward,	" 6,	52.28
Frank G. Blake,	" 7,	92.55
Mrs. L. L. Gordon,	" 8,	16.27
" " "	" " 1876,	9.08
" " "	" " 1877,	7.77
" " "	" " 1878,	32.21
" " "	" " 1879,	8.20
Frank Chase,	" 9,	38.16
Ellen Dolton,	" 10,	36.65
J. A. Burley,	" 11,	46.18

Paid C. S. Babcock, District No. 13,	\$105.93
Eli Bunker, " 15,	45.36
Geo. W. Wallace, " 16,	56.21
L. D. Fogg, " 17,	32.87

\$1,031.34

School-house Tax.

Paid J. C. Tilton, Dist. No. 11,	\$200.00
W. H. Smith, " 3,	35.00

\$235.00

Paid State tax,	\$776.00
County tax,	\$1,166.43

Notes, Bonds and Interest.

Paid M. Bray, note and interest,	\$306.60
Curtis A. Gordon, town bonds due Mar. 1, '84,	200.00
E. K. Smith, " "	200.00
Polly C. Kelley, " "	400.00
Mary A. Huckins, Int. on " "	4.00
Chas. B. Huckins, " " "	10.00
Curtis A. Gordon, " " "	20.00
Sarah A. Gordon, " " "	4.00
Emma H. Gordon, " " "	4.00
B. S. Gordon, " " "	32.00
E. K. Smith, " " "	16.00
K. W. Smith, " " "	44.00
Mary Smith, " " "	8.00
Ella M. Smith, " " "	6.00
Chas. Flanders, estate, " " "	36.00
Daniel Veasey, " " "	6.00
Abbie S. Sanborn " " "	68.00
Sarah P. Locke, " " "	8.00
Polly C. Kelley, " " "	16.00
D. E. Fifield, estate, " " "	28.00
Caro B. Thyng, " " "	4.00
Nancy G. Boswell, " " "	8.00
M. H. Merrow, " " "	16.00
John Veasey, " " "	4.00

Paid C. H. Mudgett. Int. on town bonds due Mar. 1, '84,	\$26.00
Abbie A. Porter, " " "	8.00
Clarence Merrill, " " "	4.00
J. S. Drake, " " "	8.00

\$1,494.60

Sheep Damage.

Paid Mrs. J. Mooney Smith,	\$3.75
J. Nockman,	17.00
Geo. B. Gordon,	3.00
J. H. Berry,	6.00
Rufus Flanders,	15.00
Daniel Veasey, 2d,	6.00

\$50.75

Services.

Paid Geo. Brown, auditor 1883,	\$1.00
K. W. Smith, " "	1.00
J. M. Flanders, jr., Selectman,	106.75
J. W. Moore, " "	73.00
S. F. Lougee, " "	75.00
E. K. Smith, S. S. Committee,	60.00
C. D. Thyng, Treasurer,	40.00
M. C. Burpee, Town Clerk,	20.00
T. P. Robinson, Supervisor,	11.50
F. G. Blake, Collector,	100.00

\$488.25

Roads and Bridges.

Paid J. O. Clark, breaking roads in 1883,	\$28.60
J. D. Robinson, " "	20.93
E. A. Dolton, " "	10.02
J. B. Chase, " "	16.12
C. P. St. Clair, " "	30.45
N. Glover, " "	5.50
A. F. Dolloff, " "	5.67
H. S. Chase, " "	1.50
J. W. Merrick, " "	7.25

Paid Wm. Wallace, breaking roads, 1883,	\$5.41
Eli Bunker, " "	3.50
J. C. Moses, " "	7.12
L. B. Wells, " "	22.66
D. T. Smith, " "	16.71
L. H. Smith, " "	10.80
S. F. Lougee, " "	32.36
S. Emerson, " "	24.92
K. W. Smith, " "	17.70
J. S. Drake, " "	7.44
T. P. Smith, " "	5.40
B. I. Gordon, " "	9.60
F. B. Smith, " "	9.96
Wm. R. Robie, " "	13.87
E. M. Huckins, " "	14.76
Martin Woodman, " "	23.50
J. H. Harper, " "	6.45
A. L. Veasey, " "	3.00
F. G. Blake, " "	16.78
Alden Bowles, " "	26.00
T. P. S. Huckins, " "	14.55
R. J. Fifield, " "	12.15
Oliver Thompson, " "	6.00
J. H. Berry, " "	5.00
Warren Loud, " "	4.57
J. Perkins, " "	.75
David Sanborn, " "	7.18
S. G. Wentworth, " "	7.00
F. G. Blake, labor on highway,	1.25
Noah L. Ward, "	3.75
R. LeBarron, "	6.60
James H. Mudgett, "	.72
S. P. Huckins, "	2.76
D. B. Whitcher, "	7.50
N. F. Flanders, "	2.44
E. W. Doe, "	4.96
T. P. Robinson, "	5.13
J. W. Moore, agent, "	9.32

Paid A. R. Glidden, labor on highway,	\$10.72
P. M. Chase,	10.37
E. S. Edgerly,	4.88
A. M. Mudgett,	7.50
Lyman F. Veasey,	30.00
W. G. Torsey,	2.28
D. T. Fellows,	2.90
Daniel L. Tilton,	2.00
M. L. Palmer,	2.43
S. F. Lougee,	19.21
Oscar Webster,	2.00
Frank Mooney,	24.64
John B. Gordon,	1882, 10.00
T. P. Robinson,	10.78
J. A. Burley,	3.00
J. W. Saunders, lumber,	11.40
W. H. Folsom,	54.25
G. L. Tilton,	11.40
“ “	12.00
“ 45,000 shingles for bridge,	118.13
Alden Bowles, lumber,	8.43
A. Burpee,	4.00
O. Blake,	8.00
Frank Mooney,	4.50
Warren Loud, plank,	.75
Frank Sanborn,	11.12
C. P. George, planking bridge,	6.50
J. B. Tilton, use of derrick,	12.00
A. B. Meservey, tax overworked on highway,	18.63
A. Burpee & Co., nails,	6.30
“ “ stone for new bridge,	30.00
Curtis A. Gordon, breaking roads 1884,	29.43
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	\$995.16

General Expenses.

Paid G. H. Silsby & Son, blanks and blank books,	\$14.64
C. A. Whidden, damage on road,	2.25
Dr. W. H. Rand, return of births and deaths,	3.75
S. F. Lougee, cash paid, bounty on crows,	1.80

Paid S. F. Lougee, expenses in pauper case,	\$1.50
G. L. Tilton, drawing lumber,	11.35
" " derrick,	3.00
" damage to team,	21.25
Expenses of Decoration Day.	4.67
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	16.00
" " appointments,	2.25
" " tax bills,	2.00
A. B. Meservey, supplies for bridge,	.45
F. W. Simonds, painting guide board,	8.00
C. A. Gordon, non-resident tax worked,	10.30
Mrs M. H. Dow, lighting bridge from Nov. 15,	
'82, to Nov. 15, '83,	30.00
A. Burpee & Co., two lanterns,	2.25
" " two lantern globes,	.36
Dr. I. S. Chase, return of births,	.25
Milo Fellows, pulley block for derrick,	5 00
J. H. Harper, watering trough,	3.00
F. O. Wallace, "	1.50
F. G. Blake, " two years,	5.00
S. S. Plaisted, "	3.00
J. B. Kelley, "	3.00
A. R. Hanaford, "	3.00
J. M. Flanders, jr., "	3.00
C. D. Thyng, stationery, stamps, postage and	
express,	5 40
Cyrus Taylor, spikes,	1.32
Fling & Chase, legal advice,	7.00
Dr. Enos Huckins, return births and deaths,	1.00
Dr. G. H. Calley, " "	1.00
Dr. G. H. Saltmarsh, return of death,	.25
M. C. Burpee, recording births and deaths,	4.35
J. M. Flanders, jr., wood for town house,	5.50
" " board of selectmen,	15.00
" " use of gravel pit,	10.00
" " car fare, use of team and cash	
expenses in pauper cases,	48.50

Paid J. W. Moore, board of selectmen,	\$7.25
“ “ supervisors,	6.25
S. F. Lougee, guide boards,	2.50
B. L. Wells, “	3.00
B. F. Hoyt, over tax,	2.00
J. Johnson, care of town house,	5.00
F. G. Blake, discount on taxes paid before Oct. 1,	159.49
“ abatements 1882,	44.63
“ “ 1883,	90.10
“ non-resident tax worked,	63.65
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	\$645.76

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts,	\$7,738.06
Disbursements.	
Paid Pauper bills,	\$605.68
Support of schools,	1,031.34
School house tax,	235.00
State tax,	776.00
County tax,	1,166.43
Notes, bonds and interest,	1,494.60
Sheep damage,	50.75
Services,	488.25
Roads and bridges,	995.16
General Expenses,	645.76
Cash on hand March 1, 1884,	249.09
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	—\$7,738.06

Auditors' Report.

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LUCIUS S. GORDON, }
 KENRICK W. SMITH, } *Auditors.*

Town Debt March 1, 1884.

TOWN BONDS ON WHICH INTEREST IS PAID TO MARCH 1, 1884.

Chas. Flanders' estate,	900.00
Abbie S. Sanborn,	1,700.00
Benj. S. Gordon,	800.00
Curtis A. Gordon,	500.00
Emma S. Gordon,	150.00
Sarah A. Gordon,	100.00
K. W. Smith,	1,100.00
Edson K. Smith,	200.00
Ella M. Smith,	150.00
Mary Smith,	200.00
Abbie A. Porter,	200.00
C. D. Thyng,	400.00
D. E. Fifield, estate,	700.00
Sarah P. Locke,	200.00
Nancy G. Boswell,	200.00
Charles B. Huckins,	250.00
Mary Huckins,	100.00
Daniel Veasey,	150.00
John Veasey,	100.00
M. H. Merrow,	400.00
Joseph S. Drake,	200.00
Clarence Merrill,	100.00
Caro B. Thyng	100.00
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	\$8,900.00

Town Debt, March 1, 1884.

Bonds outstanding,		\$8,900.00
Cash in Treasury,	\$249.09	
Due from Collector. 1882,	53.17	
“ “ 1883,	733.28	
Liquor agent,	88.37	
	<hr/>	\$1,123.91
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		\$7,776.09
Town debt March 1, 1883,	\$8,716.43	
“ at the present time,	7,776.09	
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Reduction,	\$940.34	

CHARLES D. THYNG, *Treasurer.*

Report of Selectmen.

Sums of money Raised by Taxation in 1883.

State tax,	\$776.00
County tax,	1,166.43
Town expenses,	1,200.00
For payment of town bonds,	800 00
“ “ interest on town bonds,	388.00
School tax,	679.00
Extra school money raised,	300.00
School-house tax, dist. 11 and 3,	230.00
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	\$5,539.43

Statement of Accounts with Collector of Taxes.

Total amount committed to F. G. Blake for collection,	\$5,975.26
Total amount received from him in receipts from Treasurer, discounts and abatements,	\$5,241.98
Balance due,	733.28
	<hr/> \$5,975.26
Town indebtedness March 1, 1883,	\$8,716.43
“ “ “ 1884,	\$7,776.09

Estimates of Necessary Appropriations for the Ensuing year.

Bonds due March 1, 1885,	\$800.00
Interest on bonds 1885,	356.00
Town expenses,	1,200.00
For repairs of highways,	2,500.00

J. M. FLANDERS, JR.,	} <i>Selectmen of New Hampton.</i>
J. W. MOORE,	
S. F. LOUGEE,	

Report Supt. School Committee.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The first term of five weeks was commenced by Mrs. NANCY BIXBY, of Meredith, who left the school at the expiration of three weeks on account of sickness. The remaining two weeks were taught by Miss MARY E. HUCKINS, of New Hampton. Wages of teacher, including board, \$18 per month. Whole number of pupils, 15; average attendance, 13. Roll of honor: Alice M. Boynton, Elida L. Boynton, Eddie V. Boynton. The deportment of the schoolars was commendable under the instruction of both teachers. As the school closed abruptly on account of sickness, your committee is unable to judge of its progress.

Mrs. NANCY BIXBY taught the second term of eight weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$22 per month. Whole number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 12. Roll of honor: Phebe M. Whitcher, Ira M. StClair, Alice M. Woodman, Eva M. Harris, Joseph S. Gordon. The teacher, who is a graduate of the State Normal School, has some good methods of imparting instruction, and is a good disciplinarian.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss L. LUTHERA SANBORN, of Holderness, taught two terms, one of seven, the other of six weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, first term, \$20, per month; second term, \$22 per month. Whole number of pupils, first term, 8; average attendance, 8. Second term, 8; average, 7. Roll of honor first term: Bessie J. Haskins, Howard Hanaford; second term: Frank Huckins. Miss Sanborn possesses in a good degree the faculty of teaching, and the improvement of the scholars was satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss MARY E. HUSE, of New Hampton, taught three terms, the first two of 11 weeks each, the third of twelve and three-fifths weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$25 per month. Whole number of pupils first term, 24; average attendance, 21. Second term, 25; average, 23. Third term, 22; average, 19. Roll of honor: John Willie Merrow, Josephine Mitchell, Charles H. Davis, Lula M. Seavey, Edward Mitchell, Arthur J. Robinson, Florence M. Heath, Alice L. Heath. The first three were on the roll of honor two terms. The first two were on the roll of honor three terms. In this school Miss Huse has fully maintained her reputation as an energetic teacher. There are several very good scholars in this school. One class in geography deserves especial mention. The closing examination was such as to reflect credit upon both teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT No. 5.

EDSON K. SMITH taught one term of nine weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$24 per month. Whole number of pupils, 23; average attendance, 22. Roll of honor; Sarah Tilton, Laura Johnson, Weston Johnson, Herbert Tilton, Howard Pike. There are some very ambitious scholars in this district, who with good educational privileges would doubtless become proficient in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss MINNIE A. MEADE, of Meredith, taught two terms, one of six, the other of four weeks. Wages of teacher, first term, \$22 per month; second term, \$19 per month. Whole number of pupils, first term, 8; average attendance, 7. Second term, 9; average, 9. Roll of honor: Clarence E. Ward, Alice M. Woodman, May Bell Veasey, Grace L. Veasey, Lizzie A. Veasey. The first two were present both terms. Miss Meade labored industriously for the best interests of the school, and the examination of the classes proved that her efforts were not in vain.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss GRACE E. HAZELTON taught the first term of seven weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$16 per month. Whole number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 8. Roll of honor: Ina S. Blake, Elwin A. Blake, Agnes M. Sargent, Hattie M. Sargent. The teacher was faithful in the performance of her duties, and the progress of the scholars was satisfactory.

Miss EMMA H. GORDON, of New Hampton, taught the second term of twelve weeks. Wages of teacher, \$17 per month. Whole number of pupils, 10; average attendance, 9. Roll of Honor: Elwin A. Blake. Miss Gordon was very successful in this school. The scholars made excellent progress in their studies, and the closing examination proved that they had been ably instructed.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Mrs. EMMA L. WALKER, of New Hampton, taught two terms of six weeks each. Wages of teacher, including board, \$14 per month. Whole number of pupils, first term, 7; average attendance, 6. Second term, 5; average, 4. Roll of Honor: Etta S. Walker, Carrie E. Wells, Tellis R. Wells. The first was present both terms. The scholars were attentive to their studies, and made fair improvement.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The committee of Meredith will probably report the school in this district.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss MARTHA S. SMITH, of Ashland, taught one term of nine weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$20 per month. Whole number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 12. Roll of Honor: Nellie W. Dalton.

The progress and deportment of this school was such as to reflect credit upon the teacher who is an excellent disciplinarian.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss GERTRUDE L. FRANCIS, of Rochester, taught one term of ten weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$15 per month. Whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 13. Roll of Honor: Ada Flanders, Nellie M. Tilton, Ada Burleigh, Lillie Gordon, Ralph Tilton. This was Miss Francis' first attempt at teaching, yet she succeeded remarkably well. A thorough scholar herself, she possesses the faculty of imparting instruction to others.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

There has been no school in this district during the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Miss GERTRUDE M. DAVIS, of New Hampton, taught two terms, one of eight, the other of nine weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, first term, \$20 per month. Second term, \$21 per month. Whole number of pupils, first term, 29; average attendance, 27. Second term, 27; average, 26. Roll of honor: Edna Huckins, Martha J. Bonner, Alberto H. Bowles, Herbert Huckins, Leroy E. Plaisted, Florence M. Bowles, Mary Bonner, Ella Mudgett, Edward H. Berry, Arthur Evans, Charlie L. Smith, Minnie G. Flanders, Annie S. Plaisted, Carrie E. Plaisted, James D. Brogan, George U. Flanders, Frank I. Mudgett, Ora Brown. The first five were on the roll of honor both terms. The large number on the roll of honor indicates a good degree of interest. With the best school-house in town, and many unusually apt scholars, this school ought to stand higher than any other in town. It is very difficult for a teacher to govern this school in such a manner as to give satisfaction to all concerned. It is especially important in a large school, that the strictest order be maintained. Unless this be done, the highest results cannot possibly be attained. Miss Davis is well versed in the art of imparting instruction, and succeeded as well as could be expected. The scholars made considerable progress in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Miss ABBIE L. PIERCE, of Meredith, taught one term of ten weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$17 per month. Whole number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 6. Roll of honor: Alice J. Huckins. The scholars made satisfactory progress in their studies, and their deportment was excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Miss MINNIE M. HOWARD, of New Hampton, taught the first term of five weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$18 per month. Whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 10. Roll of honor: Frank R. Wallace, Walter F. Hutchinson, Cora B. Wallace, Flora M. Wells, Mary F. Chase, Lillian I. Chase. The school appeared well at

its commencement, but your committee failed to receive notice of its close in season to visit it a second time.

Mrs. LAURA E. WALLACE, of Sanbornton, taught the second term of seven weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$20 per month. Whole number of pupils, 15; average attendance, 13. Roll of honor: Lillian I. Chase, Mary F. Chase, Flora M. Wells. The term was evidently a pleasant one to both teachers and scholar. The closing examination proved satisfactory advancement.

DISTRICT No. 17.

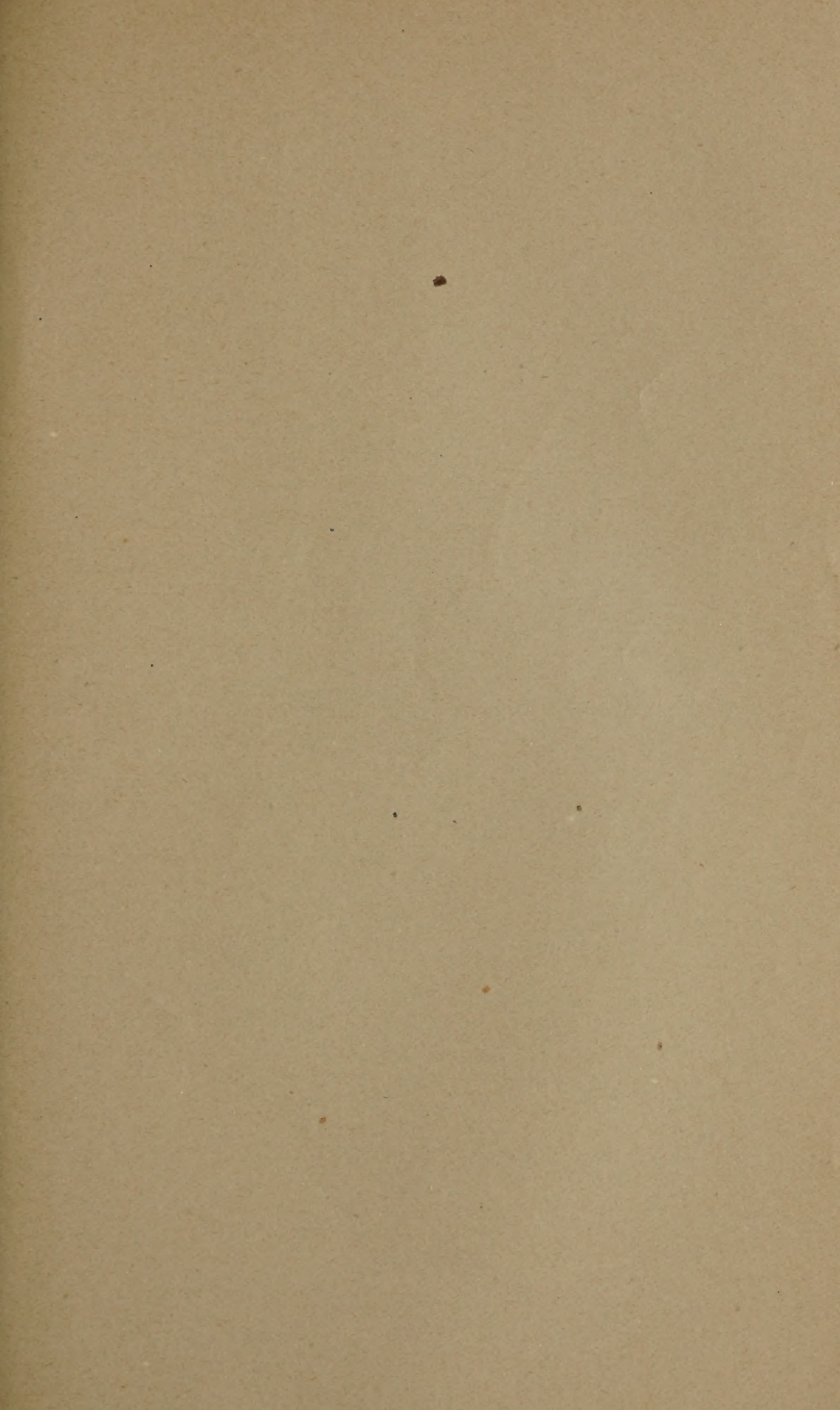
The committee of Ashland will probably report the school in this district.

Notwithstanding all the drawbacks under which our schools labor, there is certainly a manifest improvement in their condition. Nearly all of the districts have been fortunate in their selection of teachers the past year. In some districts there has been some improvement in regard to punctuality in attendance. The teachers have been interested in their labors, and although some have accomplished far more than others, yet all have endeavored to promote the best interests of the pupils in their care.

The standard of excellence in teaching is ever rising higher. The education of the past is not up to the requirements of the present or the future. Hence the necessity that public instructors succeed in keeping up with the times. The Institutes established by an appropriation made at the last session of the legislature are designed for the improvement of teachers, many of whom will doubtless avail themselves of their advantages. We would urge upon teachers the importance of attending these institutes, as they may thus obtain many new ideas relative to the most approved methods in teaching.

Although it is not essential that every one be college-bred, or familiar with ancient languages, in order to be successful, yet all should obtain the most liberal education practicable. The fathers of our republic held that where all citizens are voters, the necessity is imperative, that there should be free education for all. The most prolific source of Russian despotism and nihilism lies in the fact that ninety per cent. of the people can neither read nor write. No sincere friend to popular government can look with indifference upon attempts to strengthen the foundation of the fabric. The promotion of institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge is an object of primary importance. Jefferson, in a letter to Lafayette, wrote: "Ignorance and bigotry, like other insanities, are incapable of self-government." To another he wrote, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was, and never will be." John Adams said: "Reformation must begin with the people, which can be done only in effect in their education." We need not extend these quotations. Many patriots of the Revolution held and expressed similar opinions. The real government in this country is that of public opinion, and with the means for universal education within our grasp, it is optional with us whether the greatest power in the nation shall be a power of reflection and reason, or one of ignorance.

EDSON K. SMITH, *Superintending School Committee.*



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